

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Several Cases of the Terrible Disease Has Appeared at Honolulu.

The News Creates Some Alarm Among the California State Officials and City Officers of San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The news of the breaking out of the plague in Honolulu brought here by the transport Centennial, has created some alarm among the state and city health officials and every precaution is being taken to prevent a possible admission of the disease into this city. The transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived Wednesday night, and the Tartar, which arrived from Manila Thursday, are now at the quarantine station undergoing fumigation and will be detained at Angel island for some time. The steamer Gaelic is due here Friday from the Orient via Honolulu and will be sent to quarantine and held there until all possible danger is over.

News from reliable sources from the Orient states that the disease is prevalent in China and Japan to an unusual extent and that the officers at Manila have taken precautions to prevent the plague from getting a foothold there. News from Bombay is to the effect that the plague is rampant in India, and in view of these conditions the authorities in this city and every port on the Pacific coast will take strenuous precautions to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague on this coast.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Mail advices received late Thursday night from Honolulu give additional details of the bubonic plague which has appeared there and indicate that the conditions are not very alarming. Five deaths have occurred, one native and four Chinese. No deaths have occurred since December 12, when the disease first appeared.

A quarantine system for island vessels was established and a district practically co-extensive with Chinatown was put in quarantine. Volunteer inspectors were called for and the work of cleaning the district was at once begun. The next day the national was called out and has since been doing duty guarding the quarantine district.

Chinatown, the seat of the trouble, is now undergoing a thorough cleaning and it is believed that the scourge has been stamped out. It is thought the germs of the plague were brought from Kobe, Japan, on the Norwegian steamer Thyena, which arrived at Honolulu November 28 with 700 Japanese emigrants.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The steamer Gaelic arrived Friday from the Orient. The Gaelic was sent to quarantine owing to the plague scare, but her cabin passengers were allowed to land. A press correspondent at Honolulu sends the following under date December 23:

There have been no new cases of plague since last advices. There have been several sudden deaths and in each instance rumor assigned the plague as the cause. Investigation proved otherwise. On the 19th the quarantine over Chinatown was lifted and business is now going on as usual in that department. There have been no deaths by plague since the 12th inst. Up to that time five victims were reported. The board of health now claims but two deaths were caused by the scourge, the remaining cases being doubtful or suspicious.

The council of state will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 with which to carry out the present plan of altering and improving Chinatown in conformity with the sanitary programme of the board of health.

PUBLISHER'S WILL.

Late Owner of the Youth's Companion Leaves an Estate of \$2,500,000.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 29.—The will of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, filed for probate in the Middlesex county probate court Thursday, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000. The will gives \$77,000 direct to public charitable and religious institutions, mostly in Massachusetts and provides annuities for others.

The will also bequeaths \$350,000 to the Baptist Social Union, subject to conditions, among them, that it shall become a corporation within two years after the testator's death. This sum is to be used for the erection of a building for the use of the union.

The entire Youth's Companion plant with certain real estate is left to the executors to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social Union.

Of the residue one-sixth goes to the American Baptist Home Mission Union and one-ninth each to several other New England charities.

Ex-Congressman Griffin Dead.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 30.—Ex-Congressman Michael Griffin, head of the state tax commission, died suddenly Friday evening of apoplexy in his office.

New Skating Record.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—The fastest skating ever done in the world for half a mile and a quarter mile straight away was accomplished Thursday on Lake Minnetonka, near this city. Norval Baptie, of Bathgate, N. D., lowered the quarter-mile record of 31.4 seconds, made by John S. Johnson, to 28.1-3 seconds. After a rest of 20 minutes Baptie started for the half-mile record of Joe Donahue, of New York, and Olaf Rude, of Minneapolis, and lowered it from 1:05.2-5 to 1:00.2-5. The records are official.

FILIPINO STRONGHOLD TAKEN

Gen. Otis Reports an Important Engagement—Supplies Captured and Many Insurgents Killed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The adjutant general received a message from Gen. Otis, telling of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 30.—Col. Lockett, with regiment, two battalions 46th (Col. Schuyler), one 45th (Col. Dorst) and company 27th infantry, two guns, Capt. Vandusen, attacked the enemy 600 strong on mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo. Large number killed and wounded; 24 taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon; 40 rifles, 20,000 rounds ammunition, 500 pounds powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies and considerable other property. This captured point located on mountain trail and formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties, Lieut. Enslow, 11th cavalry and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slightly. Private Matson, 45th infantry, drowned.

First Lieut. Edward R. Taylor, 12th infantry, was run over by a train crossing the Agno river near Bautista on the 26th instant and died in a few hours.

"OTIS."

Manila, Dec. 30.—10:10 p. m.—The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the natives and Chinamen, who showed friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrisons.

Col. Wesson's cavalry, which is scouting in the vicinity of Trinidad found evidence of Filipino soldiers being in that vicinity, but it was impossible to bring about an engagement.

The recent increase in the garrison of Nampacapan against a threatened rebel attack on Christmas day, averted trouble.

Col. Luther R. Hare, of the 33d infantry, who has been following a party of American prisoners, lost track for three days about December 20, on such signs and evidences of their passage that they customarily left behind them. It is thought the prisoners were separated and conveyed to remote parts of the mountains, thus increasing the difficulties of Gen. Young's troops to effect a rescue.

Gen. Wheeler, who was recently in Manila, requesting an appointment south in the line of the expected campaign, is now at Panique.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

Many Interesting Addresses Were Made and Officers Elected.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The Southern Educational association concluded its labors Friday and the most successful convention in its history is ended. At the morning's session Hon. John W. Abernethy, superintendent of public instruction of Alabama, delivered an eloquent address on "Education in the old and in the new south."

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Vanderbilt university, Nashville; Dr. E. A. Alderman, president University of North Carolina; S. G. Gilbreath, University of Nashville, were among the other speakers. Miss Patty Hill, of Louisville, Ky., was elected president of the kindergarten department.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows. President, Dr. R. B. Fulton, University of Mississippi; vice president, Dr. Junius Jordan, University of Arkansas; secretary, P. P. Claxton, Greensboro, N. C.; treasurer, John D. Yerby, Mobile, Ala.

ADAMS ON THE STAND.

President of the Knickerbocker Club Testifies Again Molineux.

New York, Dec. 30.—In the Molineux poisoning case Friday, John D. Adams, of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, was the chief witness. He said he was not a handwriting expert, but that he was familiar with the handwriting of Molineux, and that when the case first appeared in the newspapers he was struck with the resemblance between Molineux's writing and the address of the poison package. He collected a number of specimens of the defendant's writings from the records of the club, and turned them over to the prosecution. He said that he was sure that the poison package was addressed by Molineux.

Ex-Congressman Howard in the Race Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Ex-Congressman M. W. Howard was in Birmingham Friday conferring with populist leaders with reference to entering the race for United States senator. It is understood Howard will make the race.

Indebtedness to Country Banks.

New York, Dec. 30.—Harper & Brothers' indebtedness to country banks, it was said Friday by Thomas, familiar with the reorganization affairs of the company, would amount to \$1,700,000, and negotiations are under way for the organization of a protective committee, representing the banks holding the paper of the firm. Many of the banks purchased the paper on Harper & Brothers without investigation, and it follows now that they have a number of unsecured claims.

IMPORTANT STEP

Gen. Buller, it is Said, Will Renew His Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith.

Boers Still Keep Their Guns in the Vicinity of Kimberley, and Are Able to Summon Reinforcements Rapidly.

London, Dec. 30.—The latest special dispatches from Chievely Camp hint darkly at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted with some misgivings to men that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have not retired to the north bank of the Tugela river, being afraid that the swollen stream may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from bombardment. It is difficult, however, to conceive that Gen. Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere. The Boer movement northward from the Tugela is quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the belief here is that his forces even then will be too weak. He may, however, be animated by a desire to accomplish something before the ar-

It is now estimated that the war will cost £60,000,000 (\$300,000,000), and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years, in order to defray the cost.

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Cradock reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this is connected with Gen. Gatacre's attempt to reopen communication with the Indwe colonies.

London, Dec. 30.—The war office has received a dispatch saying that the Indwe colliery line is now working again.

London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm among the troops and public occasioned by the appointment of Gens. Roberts and Kitchener.

A dispatch from Ladysmith says: "The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out but we have plenty of provisions.

"The total casualties since the siege began are 70 men killed and 236 wounded.

Gen. Cronje reports from the Modder river December 24 that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman December 17.

According to a dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 20, the heat then was intense, being 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time but not enough to cause alarm. On the other

REMINDERS.



The British Lion—Yes, I think I shall remember the Boers for a time.

rival of Lord Roberts and to satisfy the keenness of his men to retrieve their defeat.

The reported engagement with Kafir is very vague, and can not be explained pending the arrival of later dispatches. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, brother-in-law of Lord Lansdowne, says the war office would countenance a scheme to enroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage, in order to learn drills and the like.

The Rothschilds have donated £2,000 to the Buckinghamshire volunteer fund. It is estimated that £200,000 will be contributed privately to volunteer funds throughout the country. Already the fund for the relief of the families of soldiers exceeds £500,000.

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22, via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before dawn to-day a detachment of the mounted forces with artillery and light infantry moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Otterkopje, Kimberley fort replying with 20 shells.

The British force reconnoitered outposts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating.

Having accomplished this and having discovered Boer reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon ridge, Col. Chamier, with the Royal artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed that the Boers were still keeping their guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing force.

The number of members of the house of commons who have volunteered for the front threaten seriously to reduce the government's majority when parliament re-assembles.

London, Dec. 30.—During the continued lull in the military operations in South Africa the papers are filled with letters and articles criticizing the government and the campaign, and suggesting remedies, improvements and alterations in the plans and the like.

er hand, reports from Boer sources on the continent assert that typhoid fever is epidemic in Ladysmith.

The Transvaal government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa bay."

GERMAN STEAMER AGROUND.

She Struck Off a Quarter of a Mile Off Dungeness—In a Bad Condition.

London, Dec. 30.—A large German mail steamer whose name has not yet been ascertained, has gone aground during a terrific gale in the East bay about a quarter of a mile off Dungeness, the southern extremity of Kent. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel and the life boats are unable to reach her. Fears are entertained for the safety of the passengers.

The signals of distress were observed from the Sandhead lighthouse. London, Dec. 30.—It was learned Saturday morning that the steamer aground near Dungeness is the Pelotas, of the Hamburg-South American line. She was bound from Santos to Rotterdam.

Places for Instructing Supervisors.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The census bureau has announced the following places and dates where supervisors in various sections will assemble for instructions in taking the census of 1900.

Charlotte, S. C., January 4, 1900; Atlanta, January 5; New Orleans, January 8; Houston, Tex., January 5; Memphis, January 11, and Cincinnati, January 12.

Assistant Director Wines has been ordered to give the instructions.

Guns for Cape Town.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts at Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Cape Town.

A dispatch from Calcutta says almost 3,000,000 persons are receiving famine relief. The government is spending nearly two lakhs of rupees daily.

"KAH-PEE-KOG" CLUB.

BY WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

"DO YOU realize, gentlemen," said Smith, as the members of the Kah-pee-kog club gathered around the evening fire, "that this is to be our last evening together in these woods for at least a year? To-morrow vacation in the Muskoka lake district ends, and by to-morrow evening, if nothing unlooked for happens, we will have nailed up the door of the clubhouse, reeled in our lines for the last time this year, stored our boats, and the night train on the Grand Trunk will be carrying us swiftly back to the states and to our various vocations."

"Without going into particulars, or mentioning names, it has seemed to me that this would be an excellent time to confess our prevarications so that we may quit this beautiful spot with a clear conscience. I would suggest—"

"To what do you refer, Brother Smith?" asked the Pastor.

"To put it in plain English," said Smith, "I think we have all led more or less, and that now would be a good time to tell the truth."

"I presume that you realize that there are exceptions to that statement of 'all,' Brother Smith," said the Pastor. "Now, I—"

"I made no exceptions, and intended none," said Smith. "As for myself, I am here to state now that I have lied; lied as big as I knew how and still make it a lie that might be believed, and I guess you fellows swallowed it without much question."

"I have not believed a single thing you have said about fish since you have been here," said the Pastor.

"Nor I," echoed the others.

"The biggest lie that I have told since I have been here was that one about the number of bass Yorker and I caught in Healy lake. We were trying to outdo the Pastor, and did so far as the lie was concerned, and if he did not believe our story, it was because his own was not true. What we—"

"I shall have to refer this matter to the congregation when we reach home, Brother Smith," put in the Pastor.

"I would advise you not to," replied Smith, "but as I was going to say, what we did catch that day was all in the boat when we returned, and, as several members of this club counted them, it will not be disputed when I say there were 138 bass of over the legal length."

"It was only 128, for I counted them together with Husky Bill," said Tice.

"What is the matter of ten bass more or less, anyway?" replied Smith. "But there, gentlemen, in my confession, 138 bass instead of the five or six hundred that I told about, and I believe that every one will feel better if they follow my example."

"I believe that the advice Smith gives us is good," said Yorker, "and I realize now as I never did before the enormity of the lie I told in reference to the muskellunge I caught in Crane lake."

"You don't need to make any confession of that," said the Pastor, "for everybody knew that it was a lie when you told it." "It seems to me that I remember distinctly of your going to Crane lake to fish for muskellunge on the strength of that story," replied Yorker, "and it was not as bad as your Crown island bass story at that."

"My veracity is not in question at the present time," replied the Pastor.

"No, we will hear from you later," said Yorker, "provided, of course, your conscience is not too elastic. But to return to my Crane lake story, I simply wish to say that I did catch a muskellunge, and that it did upset our boat, but that was due to our awkwardness, rather than the size of the fish, for when we got it on shore, which we finally did, it only weighed 42 pounds."

"You told me the truth of that Crane lake story the day we were at Healy lake together," said Smith, "and you said it only weighed 37 pounds."

"What is a matter of five pounds more or less in the size of a muskellunge?" said Yorker, and Bill Reeves nudged Husky Bill when Smith did not reply.

"I have told so many different tales regarding the size and weight of fish that I have caught in these Ontario lakes and rivers," said Tice, "that I hardly know where to begin my confession."

"Why not straighten out the Moon river story of 38 muskellunge, 79 bass and 120 trout in ten hours?" asked Husky Bill.

"That might be a good place to begin at, as that story was exaggerated somewhat. The truth is that I only caught 35 muskellunge, 60 bass and no trout at all, for I did not fish for them. There are any number of trout in that stream and its tributaries, however, and I do not doubt that it would be quite possible for a man to catch as many fish as I said I had caught in the Moon river in the length of time I claimed to have fished. In reality I only fished nine hours and three-quarters. As for the other stories I have told about fishing in Kah-pee-Kog and the surrounding lakes, I can cover all of them with the single statement that I never caught more than 110 bass in any one day in any of these lakes, but that, I imagine, is better than any of the rest of you ever did, if the whole truth was known."

"Gentlemen," began the Pastor, "when Brother Smith started this little experience meeting, I did not realize the good that it was to accomplish. In fact, I was afraid it would result in more harm than good, and that the prevarications—I cannot bring myself to the point of calling them lies—that have been told by several of you during these evening fires would only be again exaggerated, and that some of you at least would return to your homes with an added weight upon your conscience. It has pleased me greatly to listen to such confessions as have been made this evening, and I am sure that you feel the better for having made them. There is one thing for which I am sorry, and that is that Brother Barnes is not here to retract the story he told of catching more fish than I caught at Crown island several years ago. I am sure that had Brother Barnes been with us to-night he would have been moved to tell the real truth of that story, and so remove a load from his conscience."

"What are you going to do about that story of yours that started the trouble?" asked Tice.

"I wish to say in regard to anything that I may have told since I have been here, that to now deny the story, and offer a so-called confession would be but a farce and a lie in itself. When I told of those 390 bass myself and a friend caught in one day—"

"You said 560 before," said Smith.

"Possibly I did, but 390 was the correct number, and I only wished to correct my former statement."

"I guess those bonds you put up guaranteeing the Pastor's reputation will be declared forfeited when you get home," said Husky Bill to Smith, as they walked back to the clubhouse.

"Well, it has taught me a lesson anyway," replied Smith, "and I won't be so foolish again very soon. I am sorry for his sake as well as my own."

HE WANTED THE TROUSERS.

Which Accounted for His Inability to Remove the Grease Spot.

A young fellow on the South side has a negro valet, an old-fashioned southern dandy.

"Here, Jeff; I want those trousers cleaned and pressed to-day," he said, pointing to a rather loud-striped garment: that Jeff has long had his eyes on.

"All right, sah," said Jeff, with a sigh. Next morning Jeff brought the trousers back with a big grease spot still prominent on one knee.

"Can't you get that spot out?" said the owner of the trousers.

"No, sah."

"Did you try turpentine?"

"Fo' de Lawd, I done saccharated 'em wid turpentine."

"Did you try coal oil?"

"Yes, sah; po'd a quart ob ole on 'em."

"Did you try a hot iron?"

"Putty nigh bu'n't 'em up!"

"Did you try benzine?"

"Done tried benzine an' kerosene, and all de other zines, an' tain't netch dat grease spot."

"Well, did you fry 'em on?" queried the master with a twinkle in his eye.

"Yes, sah," replied Jeff, with alacrity, "an' dey's a puffed fit, grease spot on all, sah."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Boy on the Dachshund.

This is what the boy wrote about the dachshund: "The dachshund is a dog, notwithstanding appearances. He has fore legs, two in front and two behind, an' they ain't no speckle terms. I wunst made a dachshound out of a cowpunch an' fore matchin' an' it looks as natchal as life. Dackshounds is fairly intelligent, considerin' there shap. Thare brains bein' so far away from thare tails, it bothers them sum to wag the latter. I wunst noo a dachshound who wunst too impashus to wait till he cood signal the hole length of his body when he wanted to wag his tale, so he maid it up with his tale then when he wanted it to wag he maid it shake it right ear, an' when the tale seen it shake it woid ear. But as for me, gimme a bull pup with a pedigree."—Chicago Chronicle.

Cheerfully Indorsed.

She handed the check to the paying teller. She was calm and collected, as if it was an everyday matter.

"Madam," said the teller, gently, "you have forgotten to indorse." "Indorse it?" with a little worried smile. "Yes; you must write your name on the back here to show that you will repay this bank in case the issuer of this check should fail to answer our call."

"Oh!" she said, accepting the pen.

When the teller looked at the check again this is what he read:

"The bank has always paid up what it owes, and you need have no worry. Therefore I indorse this check. Very truly yours, Mrs. J. B. Blanks."—Syracuse Herald.

A Favorable Notice.

Wright—Old Dreiboan's book is having a wonderful sale. Penner—You surprise me! Of course, the book has merit, but it's the driest kind of a scientific treatise.

"True. But some one of the reviewers referred to it as 'an immortal work,' and the typo made it 'immoral.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Before and After.

Singleton—Do you believe it is possible for two people to live as cheaply as one?

Wederly—Before I married I read all the statistics I could find on the subject, and I was convinced that they could, but—

"Well?"

"After marrying I made a few statistics of my own, then changed my mind."—Chicago Evening News.

Impossible—"In this third act," said the stage manager, "you must show that you are violently in love with the heiress." "How can I?" wailed the walking clog, "when I know that she is drawing ten dollars less than I am?"—Philadelphia North American.

Money talks, but unless you have plenty of it, it stutters.—N. Y. Press.

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